

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The Office Action of May 12, 2006, the Examiner has required that Applicants elect a single invention specifically defining each variable H-E-L. Accordingly Applicants specifically select formula (5) as recited in Claim 31. It can well be deduced from the formula of Claim 31, that "H" is a charged hydrophilic group, "E" represents a spacer arm (C₁-C₁₀) carbon chain that may optionally be substituted, and "L" represents Ar₁. Claims 14, 16, 17-21, 22, 23, 26, 31 read on the elected invention.

The arguments presented in the previous response to the restriction requirement, dated April 7, 2006, are hereby incorporated by reference.

Applicants respectfully submit that the instant election is fully responsive to the Office Action of May 12, 2006, and that the above-identified application is now in condition for examination on the merits, and an early notice of such action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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